



**Albuquerque Public Art Program  
Department of Arts and Culture**

ALBUQUERQUE ARTS BOARD MINUTES  
Wednesday, April 19, 2023  
Room 7096, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, DMD Conference Room  
One Civic Plaza, NE Albuquerque, NM 87103  
And Via Zoom Video Conference

**Members Present:**

Bernadine Hernández, Chair, Member-at-Large  
Charlotte Schoenmann, Vice Chair, Dist. 8  
Cara Gordon Potter, Dist. 2  
Caryn Wagner, Dist. 6  
Emilie De Angelis, Dist. 7  
Dorothy Stermer, Dist. 9  
LouAnne Byrd, Member-at-Large

**Staff Present:**

Elsa Menendez, Deputy Director, Department of Arts & Culture  
Sherri Brueggemann, Division Manager  
Matt Carter, Public Art Project Planner and Collection Manager  
Robyne Robinson, Public Art Project Planner  
Eric Werner, Management Analyst  
Mandolen Sanchez, Outreach Coord.

**Absent:**

Woody Duncan, Dist. 4

**Members of the Public:**

Approximately 12 members of the public attended the meeting on Zoom or in-person

**Vacant:**

Vacant, Dist. 1  
Vacant, Dist. 3  
Vacant, Dist. 5

**I. Meeting Called to Order:** Following S. Brueggemann's reading of the Land Acknowledgement, B. Hernández called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

**II. Approval of the Agenda:** S. Brueggemann asked to defer item VI.A. as the committee has not been able to convene. E. De Angelis moved to approve the agenda as amended, D. Stermer seconded, and all approve.

**III. Welcome and Introduction of New Arts Board Member, Caryn Wagner, District 6:** C. Wagner introduced herself to the Arts Board. She had a ceramic business for 17 years creating dinnerware and dolls that were displayed in Tiffany windows. Arts Board members welcomed C. Wagner to the Board and introduced themselves.

**IV. Approval of the Minutes from March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Meeting:** With no modification to the March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Meeting Minutes, C. Gordon Potter moved to approve and D. Stermer seconded. Motion approved with 4 in favor and 3 abstentions.

**V. Public Comment:** B. Hernández noted that the Doolittle Fountain is not on the meeting agenda for today, but that members of the public could make public comment regarding the fountain and were welcome to stay for the meeting. Five individuals wished to make public comment. Members of the public spoke about the fundraising efforts of the Friends of the Rio Grande Botanic Garden, Rosalie Doolittle's contributions to the gardening community in Albuquerque, and asked if there were other ways to raise funds to restore the fountain. There was no additional public comment and at this time members of the public left the meeting.

## **VI. Approvals:**

**A. Rio Grande Roundabout – Artist Selection:** Deferred until next month.

**B. Nor Este Park Sculpture – Adoption:** S. Brueggemann provided a brief overview of the Nor Este Park sculpture adoption. In September 2022, Public Art staff introduced a proposal to adopt the Nor Este Park sculpture at the request of Councilor Bassan to help maintain the sculpture. The steel sculpture was commissioned and named in honor of the Nor Este Art Association. The sculpture is meant to be a paint brush or pen with an eagle head in the design, that was intended to represent the artists honored in the development along with the streets in the area that are also named after the artists. Staff conveyed that there was support from City Council to take care of the other elements of the park such as the low wall that surrounds the sculpture. There was some discussion about whether the adoption would include the plaques with the artists' names and handprints in the low wall. The plaques are in good condition and are integrated into the stucco wall. Based on the files staff have received, the plaques and the wall were added to the park after the sculpture. The Arts Board could approve the adoption of the sculpture now and the Public Art Program could take responsibility for the plaques if it is determined later on that the stucco wall needs to be removed. E. De Angelis moved to adopt the sculpture, L. Byrd seconded, and all approved.

## **VII. Introductions and Reports:**

**A. Unsolicited Proposal Committee:** The Unsolicited Proposal Committee recommended two proposals for approval: the donation of Rico Johnston's photograph and the commission of an interactive digital art video installation. At the committee's request, staff met with R. Johnston to learn more about his background and his photograph. The photograph was created from more than 20 individual photographs to create a panoramic image. Staff presented the framed photograph to the Board. The committee felt that it was a charming piece that could be fun for viewers to look at. D. Stermer moved to accept the donation of R. Johnston's photograph, L. Byrd seconded, and all approved.

S. Brueggemann provided an overview of the digital media video installation that would involve the use of sensors on headphones worn by viewers to interact with a recorded video of dancers who generate sound through their movement. Viewers could then mimic or add to the sound that is generated by interacting with the recorded performance. Staff has evaluated how this technology could work in the public realm and the City Hall Gallery, currently under construction, would allow a public place for installations like these that may require some assistance in educating people about how to participate in the installation. The artist, Drew Trujillo, is a local artist who has been working in digital media for many years. The dancers' live performance will be recorded for the video installation, but can also be open to the public. After the inaugural show at the City Hall Gallery slated for early 2024, staff can find another location for the video installation. D. Trujillo could also help to define requirements for future calls for digital media projects. E. De Angelis moved to approve the recommendation of D. Trujillo's and Studio Sway's interactive digital art video installation and live sonified dance performance. D. Stermer seconded and all approved.

- B. APD Main Building – Call for Works of Art:** Staff shared that this project will most likely result in a call for existing 2-Dimensional or low relief, 3-Dimensional artworks. Additional information regarding the renovation of the Albuquerque Police Department Main Building will help staff understand what type of projects or calls the renovation will allow for. There was some discussion about why existing works from the collection would not be installed here and whether the call needed to be specific for the APD site. Staff explained that the works from the previous call for existing 2-D art are slated for installation in other locations throughout City Hall. Staff also shared that in the past some calls have been specific to locations or sites and that this could be an interesting opportunity to have a conversation about the role of art in collaboration with the police department. A committee was formed to include C. Gordon Potter and C. Wagner. More information will be brought to the full Board after staff learns more about the renovation.

### **VIII. Announcements/Ongoing Project Updates:**

- A. Chair's Announcements:** B. Hernández shared that she has an installation at Sanitary Tortilla Factory which includes a book reading.
- B. Board Announcements:** None.
- C. Project Updates:** Staff are proceeding with getting assessments of the Rosalie Doolittle Fountain. Staff shared that Thomas Sayer, the artist for the Sawmill project, has titled the sculptures "Water Standing," as in water has a legal standing. Updates were provided on staff research on Decommission DEIA processes, outreach efforts, staff coordination with vendors for maintenance work, and new projects that will be coming to the Board soon including projects at the Sunport. Staff also provided updates on the Alamosa Park Project, the meeting with Sandia Science & Technology Park partner companies, the calls for artists that are live now, the Day in the Life

projects, and additional committee meetings that will take place for the International District Library project. The Vision Zero Mural is complete and staff are working to plan a community celebration to honor the people who helped make the mural happen.


**D. Events/Dedications** – Resiliency Residency Showcase – April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 5-8pm  
ACF – IPCC 12<sup>th</sup> and Menaul Sculpture Dedication – 5/24 4pm

**IX. New Business:** None.

**X. Next Regular Meeting** – May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 4:00 – 6:00 pm

**XI. Adjourn:** B. Hernández moved to adjourn at 5:34 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Sherri Brueggemann, Public Art Urban Enhancement Division Manager

Approved:   
[Bernadine Hernandez \(May 18, 2023 09:38 MDT\)](#)  
Bernadine Hernández, Chair

May 18, 2023

Date